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**BOYLE TO TESTIFY AT FCC HEARING ON  
WIRELESS EARLY TERMINATION FEE CONTRACTS**

WASHINGTON D.C. – Anne Boyle, Chair of the Nebraska Public Service Commission is scheduled to testify before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Thursday at an en banc hearing on wireless early termination fees. The FCC’s public hearing is being held in response to a Petition filed by the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association (“CTIA”) in March of 2005 seeking a declaratory ruling by the FCC that early termination fees in wireless carrier service contracts are “rates charged” and that states are preempted from assessing the reasonableness of those fees.

Boyle sponsored a resolution at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) last summer which requested the FCC to reconsider an Order issued in 1992 which paved the way for early termination fees to be charged by wireless carriers. The conditions that favored the FCC decision were no longer applicable according to the resolution.

Boyle, who is scheduled to testify before the FCC at 9 a.m. (CDT) Thursday has been on record criticizing the imposition of early termination fees by wireless carriers because in her opinion such fees hold consumers hostage to their wireless contracts and discourage competition.

More information about the FCC’s hearing can be found by visiting the agency’s website at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov).

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